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Lebanon

Syrian Vice President 'Ali al-Halim Khaddam met with Prime Minister Rashid Karami, Amal Movement leader Nabih Birri, Progressive Socialist Party head Walid Junblatt, and other Lebanese political and religious leaders in Damascus, Damascus television reported, noting that the talks centered on the situation in Lebanon. Earlier, Damascus radio noted that Khaddam had a meeting with Iranian Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Mohammad 'Ali Besharati, who arrived in Damascus from Beirut following his attempts to effect a cease-fire there. Tehran radio reported that at the meeting Khaddam expressed Syria's appreciation for Iran's efforts in Lebanon which he said Syria had been following "carefully," and voiced the hope that those efforts in concert with Syria's "struggle" would prevent further clashes among Muslims in that country. Regarding bilateral relations, the two officials agreed on the need to continue strengthening Syrian-Iranian ties which are based on "strategic dimensions," according to Damascus radio.

As for the security situation, Voice of Lebanon radio reported a "guarded calm" around the Palestinian camps early 13 June following "violent" fighting between Amal and Palestinian gunmen the previous night which left at least 5 persons dead and 30 others wounded. Earlier, the radio reported that 20 persons were wounded in clashes from late 11 June to midday 12 June. Beirut radio subsequently cited a statement from the Amal Movement's Fifth Section which attributed the renewed fighting to a Palestinian "advance" in Burj al-Barajinah. "Palestinian sources" cited in a later clandestine Radio Free Lebanon report accused Amal and the Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade of preparing to launch an offensive against the camp and divulged that 70 percent of Burj al-Barajinah has been destroyed in the fighting. In an appeal to Arab and Muslim leaders cited by Baghdad Voice of PLO radio, the Palestine Liberation Organization declared that Amal, with the aid of the 6th Brigade, has unleashed a "second phase" of its "aggression" against the Palestinian camps featuring "organized" military attacks and the use of tanks and heavy artillery and rockets.

In a separate development, Voice of Lebanon radio reported that five persons were killed in clashes between Hizballah and the Syrian Social Nationalist Party in Mashgharah township in Al-Biqa' late 12 June and described the atmosphere in the area as "extremely tense." An earlier radio report warned of Syrian intervention in Mashgharah if fighting were to break out.

Libya

"Reliable European sources" disclosed to KUNA that in indirect contacts with Europeans, Libya has expressed a readiness to declare its "neutrality" in the Mediterranean region provided that the U.S.'s West European allies in NATO meet two conditions: specifically, that they pledge not to aid the United States in any future U.S. operation against the Jamahiriyah and that they "officially prevent" the United States from utilizing NATO bases in Europe in the event of military action against Libya. The sources warned that should Europe "disregard this attitude," Libya will "very shortly" announce officially its approval for the establishment of Soviet military bases throughout the Jamahiriyah. Although revealing that the Soviet Union and Libya have reached "full agreement" on the bases, the sources nevertheless claimed that it will be implemented only if Western Europe continues "sitting on the fence" and acting according to U.S. wishes.

In a separate development, in an interview with the Italian agency ANSA, the Libyan ambassador to Italy termed the decision to place the navigation base on Lampedusa Island under Italian control as "very positive," and asserted that no problems exist between the two countries. Commenting on Italian reaction to dispatches carried by JANA, the ambassador admitted that he sometimes "gives no importance" to what the agency says and insisted that the statements carried by it do not emanate from official Libyan quarters.

Iraq-USSR

Iraqi Trade Minister Hasan 'Ali al-Amiri held separate talks with USSR Council of Ministers Deputy Chairman Yakov Ryabov and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in Moscow 12 June, INA reported, noting that 'Ali and an accompanying delegation arrived in the Soviet Union the previous day.

Egypt

Foreign Affairs Minister Ahmad 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid held a "frank and constructive" talk with his Czechoslovak counterpart Bohuslav Chnoupek in Prague, the Czechoslovak agency CTK reported, noting that Al-Majid arrived in Czechoslovakia on an official visit the same day.

PLO

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat accompanied by committee members Faruq Qaddumi and 'Abd al-Rahim Ahmad paid a "surprise visit" to Morocco 12 June, KUNA reported. The agency subsequently disclosed 13 June that 'Arafat chaired a meeting in Casablanca the previous day of the Palestine National Fund's Administrative Council, during which the Fund's "huge deficit," due to the failure by some Arab states to meet their financial obligations to the PLO, was discussed.

Najibullah Urges Students To Join Armed Forces

LD130732 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Speech by Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, to a meeting of volunteers for Armed Forces service at the Kabul City battalion and training brigade center on 12 June — recorded]

[Excerpts] Comrades, young co-fighter brothers: Human beings have a mother and a motherland. It is not a coincidence that we speak today about this sacred word "motherland." This word is the closest, most kind and most auspicious word for every human.

The situation, however, is not so simple. A three-headed dragon has embarked on aggression against us: The forces of heresy, bandits and plundering rebels, who have sold their people and the homeland; the reaction of the region in the person of the corrupt and notorious militarists of Pakistan, who for many years have been persecuting and oppressing our Pashtun and Baluch brothers on that side of the border and now are attempting to put the ring of slavery around our necks; and international imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, as the inheritor of the British colonialists, who are in action and want to deprive our people of the most valuable human asset, freedom and independence -- all of these are poised against us in an unholy alliance.

The kind and earnest-hearted patriot can defend the homeland and crush the enemy. The rifle in the hand of such a person would never waver. He would never doubt the righteousness of his sacred duty and would not set foot on the shameful path of desertion.

Who is a deserter? A deserter is a traitor and coward without honor and pride and we scorn calling him a human being. A deserter is a [words indistinct] and a heretic. He has forgotten his heroic ancestors who defeated the foreign occupiers many times and were ready to use the sacred sword of Islam for the righteous cause, the defense of their homeland. A deserter is a hated fox who is not allowed to enter the gate of his father because his father is ashamed of him. His parents curse him; no Afghan girl will marry him; he will have no son. Nothing can be more horrible for a man than this lack of zeal.

The homeland, country, party and government will look after you, the brave soldiers, and they will take extra measures to improve your living conditions and the difficult circumstances of your combat work.

The assembly points for conscripts will soon be made convenient and the centers for the preliminary military training will receive necessary equipment. [applause] These tasks are nearly accomplished and will be accomplished.

The PDPA, the DYOA and all state organs and social organs have begun a great new work toward improving recruitment and call-up and are paying greater attention to the needs of the troops and looking after their families. Caring for the families of heroes who have been martyred for the revolution is a joint duty of all our people. They will obtain everthing from the people.

In response the homeland expects one thing from you: You should stand in the front ranks of the heroes who are effectively defending the homeland against the enemies. The homeland and patriotism, steadfastiness and manliness have pinned hopes on the sacred fire of your [?blood].

On your behalf, I would like to address all the youths of Afghanistan, the militant reservoir of the Armed Forces: Students, support the decision of the graduates of the high classes of the schools in Mazar-e Shafir, who have decided to voluntarily join the ranks of the Armed Forces. Workers and young peasants, put down temporarily your hammers, shovels and picks and take up arms to defend the homeland! Students, follow the example of the graduates of Kabul University and the Polytehnic Institute, who have decided to join the ranks of the defenders of revolution! Afghan girls, the Army needs your caring and kind hands; nurses, doctors and medical personnel are needed. Help our courageous and heroic troops!

Years will pass and the revolutionary people will crush the enemy, clearing the persecuted land of [words indistinct] of the plunderer bandits, mercenary killers and their instigators and supporters. Peace, tranquility, security, progress and development will be restored in our Afghanistan. The torch of festival and success, prosperity and happiness will shine in every home and dwelling of our compatriots. [passage indistinct]

Keep your heads up; forge ahead for heroism; forge ahead for the defense of our sacred homeland. Thank you. [Applause]

Security Forces Raid Rebel Hideouts in Kabul Province

LD121002 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0516 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] Kabul, June 11, BAKHTAR — Two hideouts of Gulbuddin one of criminal leaders of counter-revolution and Harakat-e Eslami criminal bands were discovered in successful operations carried out by the security forces of the DRA in Kabul Province.

During these operations, a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including Chinese made rockets, different types of machine guns, 160 boxes of bullets, a number mines and mortars were captured by the security forces.

BAKHTAR on Europarliament Discussion of DRA Issue

LD121020 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0535 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] Kabul, June 11, OANA-BAKHTAR — A political observer of BAKHTAR writes:

The European Parliament opens its discuss on the so-called issue of Afghanistan in continuation of the periodical hostile actions against the DRA.

The subjects of their illegal and interventionist action is known. The imperialist circles headed by the U.S.A. are striving to continue their intervention into the internal affairs of the DRA and to boost the morale of the counter-revolutionaries who are doomed to defeat.

The European Parliament intends to distort the truths of revolutionary Afghanistan. The present plot has been presented by Kas Hans, from the Federal Republic of Germany, who is working as deputy chairman of the Political Committee of the European Parliament.

Based on his formulation, the agenda of the meeting would include the expansion of military aid to the Afghan counter-revolution and the continuation of the imperialist undeclared war against the DRA.

In order to justify their concoctions and slanders against the April Revolution, the imperialists have invited the elements who, together with the counter-revolutionaries, had illegally entered into the territory of the DRA for guiding the counter-revolutionaries in their subversive activities.

Leaders of the counter-revolutionary bands, whose hands have been stained with the blood of thousands of innocent people, are also invited. Both are called upon to give their views on the so-called issue of Afghanistan. This can be nothing other than a gross and impudent intervention into the internal affairs of an independent country.

[Words indistinct] desperate efforts will not bear fruit and the process of revolution in Afghanistan moves ahead successfully. No devilish forces can deter the people of Afghanistan from the path they have chosen.

Presently, the brutal counter-revolutionaries have been faced with deadly defeat and the political and social bases of the revolution are strengthened.

These are all the factors which have bitterly annoyed the enemies of Afghanistan in Europe, Pakistan, China and Iran, who are desperately endeavouring to obstruct the revolutionary changes in the country [words indistinct] an unreal and incorrect picture to the world public.

Such mock shows cannot shake the determination of the people of Afghanistan for making a new society.

Envoy to Pakistan Protests Assault on Diplomats

BK130305 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Text] India has lodged a strong protest with Pakistan over an assault on Indian diplomats by six Canadian-based terrorists at Gurdwara Dera Saheb [Sikh temple] in Lahore yesterday.

One diplomat was injured when they attacked the Indian Embassy officials who had gone there for liaison duty. The Indian ambassador, Mr S.K. Singh, conveyed the protest to the Pakistan foreign secretary, Mr Abdul Sattar, who promised prompt action in the matter.

Our Islamabad correspondent, R.K. Mathur, reports that this is the third incident in less than 2 years when Indian diplomats and officials were assaulted by foreign-based terrorists visiting Pakistan.

Foreign Secretary, Pakistan Envoy Confer

BK131300 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Text] The foreign secretary, Mr A.P. Venkateswaran, today conveyed the Indian Government's deep concern to the Pakistan ambassador, Dr Humayun Khan, over the assault on the Indian diplomat and liason officers by Canada-based terrorists in Lahore yesterday.

An External Affairs Ministry spokesman told newsmen that the foreign secretary spoke to the Pakistan ambassador in New Delhi in the strongest term on the matter.

Mr Venkatsewaram referred to the letter by the Indian ambassador, Mr S.K. Singh, to the Pakistan foreign secretary, Mr Abdul Sattar, on the 29th of last month expressing the apprehension of such an incident taking place. He had also requested Mr Sattar the full protection and security to the Indian Embassy officials.

Further Reportage on Siachen Glacier Talks

Karachi: Talks 'Constructive'

BK121529 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] India and Pakistan held further talks on Siachen Glacier in New Delhi today. The talks lasted for about 2 hours. The Pakistan delegation at the talks was led by Defense Secretary Ijlal Haider Zaidi, while the Indian delegation was led by Indian Defense Secretary S.K. Bhatnagar. Working groups met after the delegation-level talks.

Radio Pakistan's representative in New Delhi says the talks were held in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere and Pakistan delegation sources have described them as constructive. Our representative says one more meeting will take place between the two defense secretaries tomorrow according to the program after which a joint statement will be issued.

The Pakistan defense secretary and senior members of the delegation also called on the Indian prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, this afternoon. They conveyed message of good wishes to the Indian prime minister on behalf of President Mohammad Ziaul Haq and Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo.

Joint Statement Issued

BK131255 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Text] The next round of the India-Pakistan talks on Siachen Glacier will be held in Pakistan. This was decided at the end of the second round of negotiations between the defense secretaries of the two countries. The 3-day talks ended in New Delhi yesterday.

A joint statement issued today says the defense secretaries held constructive talks in cordial and friendly atmosphere. They reiterated their resolve the find a negotiated settlement. They discussed various ideas in this context and agreed to report these to their government.

The defense secretary of India, Mr S.K. Bhatnagar, who led the Indian delegation, has accepted an invitation to visit Pakistan to continue the dialogue at the mutually convenient date.

The Pakistan delegation was led by its defense secretary, Ijlal Hayder Zaidi.

Continuing Reportage on Situation in Punjab State

Venkataramaiah Commission Report Released

BK121408 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] The Venkataramaiah Commission on the implementation of the Punjab accord has recommended that 70,000 acres of land should be transferred from Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh. The commission's recommendations were released in New Delhi this afternoon. It has asked the Government of India and the states of Punjab and Haryana to settle the dispute amicably by identifying the villages to be transferred to Haryana.

About the assistance to Haryana to build its new capital, the commission has recommended that the Center should bear the cost of acquisition of land and its development and also the cost of construction of government buildings necessary for the capital.

The home minister, Mr Buta Singh, today invited leaders of opposition parties and explained to them the salient features of the commission's award. He also apprised them of the views of the chief ministers of Punjab and Haryana.

While expressing their views on the award, the opposition leaders felt that it should serve as a basis for a political solution keeping in view the letter and spirit of the accord between Mr Rajiv Gandhi and late Sant Longowal.

The union cabinet committee on political affairs considered the commission's award at a special meeting in New Delhi last evening.

Haryana Cabinet Accepts Report

BK130405 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Excerpts] The Haryana government has accepted the recommendations of the Venkataramaiah Commission which was released in New Delhi yesterday. The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the state cabinet in New Delhi last night. The meeting was called by the chief minister, Mr Bansi Lal, immediately after the award of the commission was announced. The cabinet authorized the chief minister to negotiate with the Punjab government for the follow-up action.

Meanwhile, an emrgency meeting of the Punjab cabinet is being held in Chandigarh this morning to consider the report of the commission. The meeting of the Akali Dal legislature party, which was held yesterday, discussed the report, but no general consensus could be arrived at.

As already reported, the Venkataramaiah Commission has recommended transfer of 70,000 acres of land from Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh.

The Punjab pradesh [state] Congress-I has welcomed the recommendations of the commission and appealed to the chief ministers of Punjab and Haryana to rise above narrow regional considerations and implement the Punjab accord in a spirit of good faith and accommodation. The executive committee at its meeting in Chandigarh congratulated the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, for the time-bound implementation of the accord in its true spirit.

Reacting to the report, some dissident Akali MLA's [members of the legislative assembly] have said giving 70,000 acres of land to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh is unjust. The former education minister of Punjab, Mr Sukhjinder Singh, told newsmen in Chandigarh yesterday that it is too costly for the state. The chief whip of the dissident Akali legislature group, Mr Kuldip Singh Barala, described the report as a sellout of Punjab interests.

The Haryana opposition parties' sangharsh samiti [struggle committee] has demanded the dissolution of the state vidhan sabha [legislative assembly] following the resignation of Mr Bhajan Lal as chief minister of the state. The samiti adopted a resolution to this effect at its meeting in Rohtak. It claimed that the Congress-I has lost the confidence of the people and a fresh mandate is required.

Punjab Cabinet Rejects Proposals

BK130853 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Text] The Punjab cabinet met in Chandigarh this morning to consider the Venkataramaiah award. It has described the recommendations of the commission as unwarranted.

The cabinet in a resolution has called upon the center to strike down the portions of the award which violate the terms of reference of the commission. The resolution said that the decision of the center to transfer Chandigarh to Punjab on the 21st of this month should be implemented.

The cabinet has also decided to summon an emergency session of the assembly on Tuesday to provide an opportunity to the members to consider and discuss the report and its implications.

4 Killed; Batala Under Curfew

BK130315 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Text] In Punjab, four persons were killed in three separate incidents in terrorist activities in Gurdaspur District since last night.

Two scooterists were gunned down in village (Maharpur) near Karian and one person was killed and one injured in a village (Naruwal Zora) near Fatehgarh Churian by two separate groups of suspected terrorists.

An 18-hour curfew was clamped in Batala town of Gurdaspur District since midnight following some incidents of violence.

BANGLADESH

President To Visit India for SAARC Consultations

BK120912 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] The Bangladesh president, Lieutenant General Ershad, is to visit India from the 24th of this month. The visit is part of President Ershad's scheduled tour of member countries of the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation [SAARC] as its first chairman.

During his 2-day stay in New Delhi, General Ershad is likely to discuss with Indian leaders the second summit meeting of SARC and bilateral matters.

Our Dhaka correspondent, Prabhakar Mishra, reports this is the first visit of the SAARC chairman to India after the formal inauguration of the 7-nation organization in Dhaka last December.

PAKISTAN

Spokesman Denies BBC Report on Siachen Glacier

BK121520 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1510 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] A Defense Ministry spokesman has categorically denied that any Pakistani soldier was killed or injured in the Siachen Glacier region recently.

Commenting on the report broadcast by BBC which was published in a section of press today, he described the report as absolutely unfounded and fabricated.

International Conference on Kashmir Issue Planned

BK121028 Karachi Domestic Service in Enlgish 1005 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] An international conference on Kashmir will be convened within a year in Britain to project the issue before the world community.

This was stated by the Azad Jammu and Kashmir president, Sardar Abdul Qayyum Khan, at a news conference in Karachi today after his return from Britain.

He said the delegates from both sides of the control line in Kashmir as well as Pakistan would be invited to attend. Representatives of British parties and other international organizations would also be invited to the conference.

The Azad Jammu and Kashmir president said that he had a number of meetings with the British members of Parliament and explained to them the Kashmiris' point of view about the Kashmir issue. He has also invited some of them to visit Azad Kashmir to see the situation themselves.

He described the Kashmir problem as the humanitarian one and called for its resolution without delay.

SRI LANKA

Armed Forces Deny Use of Napalm Against Civilians

BK130802 Hong Kong AFP in English 0745 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Text] Colombo, June 13 (AFP) — A Sri Lankan defence chief denied on Friday a Tamil separatist guerrilla group's accusation that security forces had used napalm bombs against civilians in the north of the country on Thursday.

(The Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front said in a written statement issued in Madras, southern India, on Thursday that napalm had been dropped in civilian areas near Valvedditturai army camp in an attempt to "break the seige of the camp." It did not give details of any casualties.)

But Sri Lankan Joint Operations Command Chief Lieutenant General Cyril Ranatunga said the security forces had no napalm bombs and that there had been no bombing at all in Valvedditturai on Thursday.

Lt. Gen. Ranatunga said guerrillas had opened fire on Thursday on the camp and on soldiers coming ashore by dinghy after moving from Kayts Island to Valvedditturai. "We had helicopters as air cover and they fired a few rounds, but certainly there was no bombing," he said.

Lt Gen Ranatunga denied that the camp was beseiged. He said soldiers had this week cleared nearby bunkers dug by guerrillas.

Militant members of Sri Lanka's Tamil minority are fighting a guerrilla campaign to establish a separate state in the largely Tamil north and east of the country.

Further Reportage on Besharati Visit to Beirut

Departs for Damascus

LD121323 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] According to an IRNA report, Besharati, deputy minister of foreign affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who had visited Lebanon leading a delegation to study the problems and the recent clashes in the Palestinian camps, left Beirut for Damascus last night.

Besharati's departure for Damascus follows the cessation of the clashes and the implementation of the first phase of the evacuation of the wounded from the Burj al-Barajinah camp under his supervision.

According to an IRNA dispatch from Beirut, a number of members of the Iranian delegation remain in Lebanon and are busy laying the groundwork for the subsequent phases of establishing a ceasefire in the camps. The dispatch reads: During last night's meeting between the Palestinian delegation and the Amal movement, which was also attended by the Iranian delegation and held at the Iranian Embassy in Beirut, the representatives of the two warring sides, while appreciating Iran's efforts, expressed their renewed readiness to observe the cease-fire and the evacuation of the wounded by the Iranian medical delegation. During the meeting it was decided that the talks to achieve a complete solution to the camps crisis should continue as before.

Besharati met with a number of Lebanese political and religious figures during his visit to Lebanon, including the Lebanese prime minister.

At the conclusion of his visit, Behsarati expressed appreciation for all those with whom he met and thanked them for their positive response in cooperating with Iranian efforts to end the fighting in the camps. He also expressed appreciation for the responsible officials of the Amal movement and the Palestine National Salvation Front as well, who, throughout all phases of the visit, gave a positive, good-will response to the suggestions put forward by the Iranian delegation and prepared a favorable basis for initiating the practical phases of the cease-fire and the evacuation of the wounded.

The head of the Iranian delegation expressed the hope that a serious follow-up to the issue of the camps war would be completed in a radical manner and that all the forces would be ready to wage a struggle against the main enemies, Israel and the United States.

Reportage on Deputy Foreign Minister's Visit to Syria

Confers With Khaddam

LD121721 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati, who headed a delegation to Lebanon from the Islamic Republic of Iran, today met and conferred with Syrian First Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam.

At their meeting, 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam supported Iran's stance on the Lebanon issue to the effect that all Muslims should aim their weapons at Israel. He said that Syria views the Islamic revolution of Iran as a gain not only for the Iranian nation, but for Arab nations and the Islamic liberation movements.

During today's meeting between the Iranian delegation and Khaddam, the situation in the region and Iranian-Syrian relations were also discussed. Views were exchanged; and the two countries' strong relations, based on logic, and the two sides' parallel and close struggle against imperialism and Zionism were endorsed.

During the talks, replying to Mr Besharati's remarks on the activities of the Iranian delegation in Lebanon and its efforts to end the hostility among the Muslims, Mr Khaddam said that Syria has been carefully following the efforts of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Lebanon and appreciates them.

Expressing the hope that these efforts and Syria's struggle will prevent clashes among the Muslim forces, he added that those hands, which were strengthened by reaction and which compromise with Israel, are preventing the restoration of peace and security in Lebanon.

Khamene'i Addresses Friday Prayer Leaders' Session

LD121024 Tehran IRNA in English 1101 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 12, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i said here Thursday that the Iraqi regime is unable to attract popular forces while in Iran volunteer forces are joining war fronts in huge numbers.

The president who is also Friday prayers leader of Tehran, was speaking at the inaugural session of the 12th seminar of Friday prayers leaders of the Tehran Province.

Referring to the "Consent to Imam" plan and call on the public to join war fronts, the president said that the plan has been warmly welcomed by the public. He also pointed to Imam Khomeyni's speech made on 'Id al-Fitr, June 9, concerning public participation in economic, educational and cultural fields.

As for people's participation in educational affairs, Khamene'i said, the imam stressed that people should build schools and run them personally under government supervision. But, the Imam will not approve of the kind of participation in which public involvement is only limited to financing and building schools.

Speech by Guards Corps Commander

LD121922 Tehran IRNA in English 1824 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 12, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i said here Thursday that Iran should continue dealing severe political and military blows against the Iraqi regime.

Khamene'i who is also the head of the Supreme Defence council made the remarks in the first joint seminar of Friday prayers leaders and the war-effort-headquarters and said they should put all its available assistance at the disposal of Iranian Muslim forces fighting the Ba'th army in the war fronts.

All Friday prayers leaders, governors general, commanders of military and popular volunteer forces as well as officials of construction Jihad should concentrate their efforts in a united front, he said.

The joint seminar of Friday prayers leaders and war-effort-headquarters opened here Wednesday with the participation of high ranking officials.

Later the commander of the Islamic revolution's guards corps (IRGC) Mohsen Reza'i spoke on developments of the Iraqi-imposed war since the liberation of strategic Iraqi port-oil city of Al-Faw by Iranian Muslim combatants.

The successful Iranian Val-Fajr-8 offensive launched February 9, has frightened the Iraqi regime, forcing it to launch attacks in the fronts in a bid to prevent new Iranian offensives, Reza'i said.

On domestic manufacturing of ammunition, the IRGC commander said by deploying a new technique, production of ammunition has increased four times and cut expenses by dlrs 400 million.

Khamene'i Congratulates Waldheim on Election
LD121150 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] President 'Ali Khamene'i sent a congratulatory telegram to Kurt Waldheim in connection with his election to the post of president of the Republic of Austria.

In the message, Khamene'i, while wishing the Austrian president and people success and progress, expressed the hope that Iranian-Austrian relations will further expand and strengthen during Kurt Waldheim's term as president.

Karachi: Khamene'i Responds to Ziaul Haq's Message
BK130345 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 13 Jun 86

[Text] The Iranian president, Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, has sent a message of friendship and good wishes in reply to the message President Mohammad Ziaul Haq recently sent while overflying Iranian airspace on his return from Saudi Arabia.

In his message, the Iranian president said the very cordial relations between the two brotherly countries is the result of Islamic brotherhood. Their roots are in the common culture of the two countries. It will be proper to witness ever-increasing (?firmness) in the relations between them. He prayed for the welfare of the people of Pakistan and for the glory of the Muslim ummah [community]. The Iranian president conveyed his sincere wishes for the prosperity and happiness of the brotherly and neighborly nation of Pakistan.

Aqazadeh: Price Drop To Accelerate Non-Oil Exports
LD121954 Tehran IRNA in English 1830 GMT 12 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 12, IRNA — Oil minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh said here Thursday although recent plots against OPEC to drive down oil prices was likely to affect Iran's Economic situation, but it would "certainly accelerate the country's efforts towards self-sufficiency."

Speaking in an interview with foreign reporters, the oil minister said the Islamic Republic of Iran has made extensive efforts to confront the plot by deploying all its non-oil export potential. He said value of Iran's non-oil exports during the past four month have risen by 70 percent as compared with the same period last year.

The oil minister said the chief Western industrialised countries led by the U.S. have hatched the oil prices reduction plot with collaboration of some regional countries including Saudi Arabia.

With reduction of oil prices the organization of petroleum exporting countries was losing dlrs 70 billion-80 billion per year, he said.